

1 AN ACT relating to inflation assistance payments for recipients of a monthly
2 retirement allowance from the systems administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions
3 Authority, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

4 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

5 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 61.691 or 78.5518 to the
6 contrary and subject to the limitations established by this section, recipients of a monthly
7 retirement allowance from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County
8 Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System shall receive a one-
9 time inflation assistance payment added to their July 2023 retirement allowance payment,
10 equal to the monthly retirement allowance the recipient receives from the systems in the
11 month of June 2023, multiplied by the following percentage:

12 (1) 100%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
13 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
14 State Police Retirement System equal to or less than \$30,000;

15 (2) 80%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
16 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
17 State Police Retirement System greater than \$30,000 but less than or equal to \$50,000;

18 (3) 50%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
19 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
20 State Police Retirement System greater than \$50,000 but less than or equal to \$100,000;

21 or

22 (4) 10%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
23 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
24 State Police Retirement System greater than \$100,000.

25 For purposes of this section, the "combined annualized retirement allowance" shall
26 mean the monthly retirement allowance paid in June 2023 multiplied by 12, not including
27 the one-time inflation assistance payment.

1 ➔Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 61.691 or 78.5518 to the
2 contrary and subject to the limitations established by this section, recipients of a monthly
3 retirement allowance from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County
4 Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System shall receive a one-
5 time inflation assistance payment added to their June 2024 retirement allowance
6 payment, equal to the monthly retirement allowance the recipient receives from the
7 systems in the month of June 2024, multiplied by the following percentage:

8 (1) 100%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
9 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
10 State Police Retirement System equal to or less than \$30,000;

11 (2) 80%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
12 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
13 State Police Retirement System greater than \$30,000 but less than or equal to \$50,000;

14 (3) 50%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
15 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
16 State Police Retirement System greater than \$50,000 but less than or equal to \$100,000;

17 or

18 (4) 10%, if the recipient has a combined annualized retirement allowance from
19 the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and
20 State Police Retirement System greater than \$100,000.

21 For purposes of this section, the "combined annualized retirement allowance" shall
22 mean the monthly retirement allowance paid in June 2024 multiplied by 12, not including
23 the one-time inflation assistance payment.

24 ➔Section 3. There is hereby appropriated \$326,200,000 in General Fund moneys
25 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account established by KRS 48.705 in fiscal year
26 2023-2024 to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to be applied to the following
27 funds to prefund the inflation assistance payments provided by Sections 1 and 2 of this

1 Act:

2 (1) \$137,800,000 to the Kentucky Employees Retirement Fund of the Kentucky
3 Employees Retirement System established by KRS 61.515 to prefund inflation assistance
4 payments from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System to each recipient for service
5 in a nonhazardous position as defined in KRS 61.510(44);

6 (2) \$11,400,000 to the Kentucky Employees Retirement Fund of the Kentucky
7 Employees Retirement System established by KRS 61.515 to prefund inflation assistance
8 payments from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System to each recipient for service
9 in a hazardous position as provided in KRS 61.592;

10 (3) \$8,200,000 to the State Police Retirement Fund of the State Police Retirement
11 System established by KRS 16.510 to prefund inflation assistance payments from the
12 State Police Retirement System to each recipient;

13 (4) \$128,800,000 to the County Employees Retirement Fund of the County
14 Employees Retirement System established by KRS 78.520 to prefund inflation assistance
15 payments from the County Employees Retirement System to each recipient for service in
16 a nonhazardous position as defined in KRS 78.510(41); and

17 (5) \$40,000,000 to the County Employees Retirement Fund of the County
18 Employees Retirement System established by KRS 78.520 to prefund inflation assistance
19 payments from the County Employees Retirement System to each recipient for service in
20 a hazardous position as defined in KRS 78.510(42).

21 ➔Section 4. Whereas retired members and beneficiaries of the Kentucky
22 Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, and State Police
23 Retirement System have not received a cost-of-living adjustment to their retirement
24 allowances since fiscal year 2011-2012, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act
25 takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
26 becoming law.